

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS

From February 9, 2016 Meeting

For Immediate Release

East End Grade Reconfiguration

In 2014, Northern Gateway received approval to construct a replacement school for the Onoway Junior-Senior High School. The new school is an 850 student core design, originally built out to 88%, functionally accommodating a student population of 750. In an effort to grant as many students access to the Junior High programming this new school will offer and to provide a consistent transition point into grade 8, a recommendation to extend access to all grade 8-12 students on the east end was made. This would impact grade configurations at Darwell, Grasmere and Rich Valley Schools, with no change to grade configuration at Onoway Elementary.

At their February 9, 2016 meeting the Board of Trustees passed the motion that effective August 2016, grade reconfiguration for East End Schools will be:

Darwell K-7, Grasmere K-7, Rich Valley K-7, Onoway Elementary K-7 and Onoway Junior-Senior High 8-12.

Municipal Government Act Review

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) is the law under which all Alberta municipalities are empowered to shape their communities.

The Municipal Government Act (MGA) review contemplates potential revisions to the Act which, if enacted, promise to significantly impact school jurisdictions.

Although the MGA revisions being considered have implications on and the potential to impact education, school jurisdiction have not been a part of the broad ranging consultation process to date. The Board passed a motion to write a letter in support of ASBA to advocate for adequate reserve lands for schools be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs.

Policy

As part of the regular cyclical review of policies, the Board affirmed the following policies:

- Policy 1 – Divisional Identity and Foundational Statements
- Policy 2 – Role of the Board
- Policy 3 – Role of the Trustee
- Policy 4 – Trustee Code of Conduct
- Policy 5 – Role of the Board Chair
- Policy 6 – Role of the Vice-Chair
- Policy 7 – Board Operations
- Policy 8 – Committees of the Board
- Policy 9 – Board Representatives
- Policy 10 – Policy Making
- Policy 11 – Board Delegation of Authority
- Policy 12 – Role of the Superintendent
- Policy 13 – Appeals and Hearings Regarding Student Matters
- Policy 14 – Hearings on Teacher Transfers
- Policy 15 – School Operational Viability
- Policy 16 – School Closure
- Policy 17 – Recruitment and Selection of Personnel
- Policy 18 – Student Transportation Services

Next Meeting

The next regular Board meeting will take place **Tuesday February 23rd, 2016 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Division Office in Whitecourt. Members of the public are welcome to attend. For more information, please call 780-778-2800 or 1-800-262-8674.